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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>DOCUMENT NO.</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
5282790	Japan	Oct. 29, 1993

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above-listed reference in the examination of this application and list this reference of record in the application.

Respectfully submitted

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